

**RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS EXAMINING COUNCIL
APRIL 29, 2009
MEETING MINUTES**

PRESENT: Ann Johnson, RRT; Edward Winga, MD; Ann Meicher, RT and William Rosandick

STAFF: Tom Ryan, Bureau Director; Colleen Baird, Legal Counsel; Karen Rude-Evans, Bureau Assistant; and other DRL staff

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: William Rosandick moved, seconded by Edward Winga, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

MOTION: Edward Winga moved, seconded by Ann Meicher, to approve the minutes of September 25, 2008 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION: Ann Meicher moved, seconded by William Rosandick, to retain the current slate of officers through 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Ann Johnson remains as chair and Ann Meicher remains as vice chair. There is a public member vacancy that has yet to be filled.

Dr. Winga tendered his resignation from the Council, however he has agreed to stay on the Council until a replacement is appointed by the Medical Examining Board.

APPOINTMENT OF TRAVEL LIAISON

Ann Johnson is the travel liaison.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Staff Changes

Due to the merging of Board Services and the Office of Legal Counsel, there will be board assignments for staff members have changed. Until further notice, Division Administrator Gail Sumi will be working with the Respiratory Care Examining Council, and Acting General Counsel Mike Berndt will be legal counsel.

Gail Sumi was introduced and gave a brief synopsis of her background. She talked about the provision in the Governor's budget for DRL staff that is solely designated for the Medical Examining Board. It is anticipated that the budget will be signed around July 1, 2009, which is the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Tom Ryan reviewed the Department of Regulation and Licensing's policies and encouraged the Council members to keep this information handy. One change to the travel policies is that the Department will pay for the first checked bag for approved airline travel.

REPORT FROM NORTH REGIONAL RESPIRATORY CARE CONFERENCE (NRRCC) SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 1, 2008

Ann Meicher reported on the NRRCC at the last teleconference meeting. She asked if the Department of Regulation and Licensing credentialing staff screened applicants for discipline in other states. The applicants should be disclosing any professional discipline, convictions and pending charges on their initial application. The NBRC has a cost free disciplinary database that the Department staff could use. Tom Ryan or Gail Sumi will confer with Cathy Pond, the Division Administrator for Professional Credential Processing, and will report back to the Council.

CONSIDERATION OF ATTENDANCE AT THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR RESPIRATORY CARE (NBRC) 2009 MEETING

MOTION: Ann Meicher moved, seconded by Edward Winga, to authorize William Rosandick to attend the NBRC 2009 Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE FROM THE SCHOOLS

William Rosandick reported the he has been in contact with the 7 Wisconsin technical schools which have Respiratory Therapist/Respiratory Care Practitioner programs. This outreach was to help facilitate the exchange of information and to streamline the application process as much as possible. A statewide curriculum has been in place for two years. He also reported high satisfaction with the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

SUMMARY REPORTS OF PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES, ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND LEGISLATION

2007 Assembly Bill 413 and Pending Rule Writing Relating to Temporary Certificates to Practice Respiratory Care – Status – Colleen Baird

Colleen Baird informed the Council of the status of Assembly Bill 413 regarding temporary certificates for respiratory care practitioner applicants licensed in another state. The public hearing was held on March 15 in conjunction with the Medical Examining Board (MEB) meeting. No public comments were received. The rule will now go to the Legislature and it is anticipated to become effective by fall.

TRANSFERRING PATIENTS ACROSS STATE LINES

The Council received a practice question asking if respiratory care practitioners from Minnesota must obtain a Wisconsin license to transport patients in an ambulance across state lines.

The Council discussed this issue and had questions as to whether or not these are isolated incidents or a more regular and frequent occurrence as part of the practitioners' job duties. The Council will seek the opinion of the Medical Examining Board, however at this time the response to the query is that the practice of respiratory care in Wisconsin does require a Wisconsin license.

SPEAKING AND TRAVEL REQUESTS

None.

EXAMINATION ISSUES

The Office of Education and Examinations has put in a request to the national board exam (CRT) to notify the Department of Regulation and Licensing if an applicant has failed the exam 3 times. The DRL web page will also be updated to inform candidates that they must notify the Department if they have failed the CRT 3 times.

The Council discussed with legal counsel whether or not the 3 failure rule includes the online statute and rules exam. It is the opinion of legal counsel that the online statutes and rules exam would be included in the rule.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

THANK YOU TO DR. WINGA

Tom Ryan thanked Dr. Winga for his service on the Council. Dr. Winga agreed to stay until a replacement is appointed.

THANK YOU TO THOMAS RYAN

The members formally thanked Mr. Ryan for his work with the Council.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Ann Meicher moved, seconded by Edward Winga, to recess to closed session pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(a), (b), (f) and (g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conducting oral examinations and reviewing applications. Roll call vote: Ann Johnson – yes, Ann Meicher – yes, William Rosandick – yes, Edward Winga - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 10:17 a.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Edward Winga moved, seconded by Ann Meicher, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried unanimously

Open session reconvened at 2:04 p.m.

RATIFICATION OF EXAMINATION SCORES

MOTION: Ann Meicher moved, seconded by William Rosandick, to recommend to the Medical Examining Board to ratify the licenses, applications, and oral exam scores. Motion carried unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ann Johnson moved, seconded by Edward Winga, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.